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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Competition is a hallmark of capitalism. When government stifles competition, it promotes monopolistic behavior which injures many to the benefit of a few. That's one of the reasons I use Sonic for internet and phone. That, plus faster speeds, extremely good customer service and savings that my family needs right now. My family needs broadband - my daughter needs it for school and my wife needs it for the business she is forming. Simply put, our DSL with AT&T was slow and expensive - in other words, AT&T was providing inferior service and support for an unacceptable price. We switched to Sonic and have faster service, better support, and more money in our pocket for other things. Every time you stifle competition, you are handing AT&T and other telecom giants another paycheck at the expense of the taxpayer. (And I thought Republicans were against Big Government and pro-capitalism.)

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